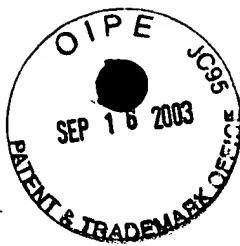


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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2003 for three months from June 10, 2003 to September 10, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$930.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at
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